Industrial disputes pending with Union Government

1557. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial disputes pending with his Ministry after the failure of conciliation proceedings at Dhanbad for more than two months as on 1st April, 1987 with details of the disputes, the dates since when they are pending and the Union involved;

(b) the reasons for keeping them pending so long; and

(c) the steps being taken to expedite the process of finalisation for reference to the Tribunals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) 23 Failure of Conciliation Reports have been pending in the Ministry for more than two months as on 1st April, 1987. Details are given in the Statement attached [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 78]. In 21 cases, Administrative Ministries have been requested, i naccordance with the prescribed procedure, to furnish their comments within a period of 60 days from the date of issue of communication from the Ministry of Labour. In one case, the dispute has been referred to the Industrial Tribunal for adjudication. In another case, the comments from the Conciliation Machinery are awaited. On receipt of comments or the expiry of 60 days, whichever is earlier, in respect of 21 disputes, each case will be examined on merit for decision under Section 12(5) of the I. D. Act.

Inspections of mines of Eastern Coalfields Limited by Central Labour Department, Dhanbad

1558. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspections were carried out by the officers of the Central Labour Department, Dhanbad of the mines of Nirsa-Kapasara area of Eastern Coalfields Limited last year on receipt of the complaints for engaging contractors for raising coal, in violation of the provisions of law; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings and the action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, when received.

Seniority of re-employed army officers in CRPF

1559. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Supreme Court decision of 1985 entitling all ECOs and SSCOs their unbroken army commissioned service towards their seniority under Rule 8 of CRPF Rules; and also the judgement of February, 1987 granting seniority to re-employed army officers in CRPF from 1985 only irrespective of their length of Army Commissioned Service or date of appointment in CRPF;

(b) how many re-employed army officers in CRPF and ITBP will suffer setbacks in their datets of confirmation and downgraded seniority due to the Supreme Court judgement of February, 1987; and

(c) whether the setbacks could be avoided if the 1985 amended rule 107(2) of CRPF is made to have retrospective effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are two re-employed Army Officers in the CRPF to whom the Supreme Court judgement of February, 1987 is applicable. There is no such officer in the ITBP.